

Financial Aid From California Colleges

Your college's financial aid office is a great resource and can provide:

- * information on the major financial aid programs offered by the federal government, the state and your college, as well as the forms and deadlines for applying
- * help completing the FAFSA and any other applications the college may require
- * an explanation of how your EFC was calculated
- * an explanation of the types and amounts of aid for which you qualify
- * advice on how to manage your money for college
- * directories and Web sites that list scholarships
- * advice on campus and community job opportunities
- * information on federal loans, including interest rates and repayment plans
- * details on your college's payment plan, if it offers one



At all of the California Community Colleges, fees for full-time students are less than \$600 a year.

Work-Study or Student Employment

Through work-study or student employment programs, you can earn money to pay for your college costs. Whether you're offered Federal Work-Study, which is administered through selected colleges, or your college's own program, you'll receive:

- help lining up a part-time job on campus or with a local nonprofit agency—employment related to your studies may be available.
- at least the federal minimum wage—and you don't have to report your earnings on the FAFSA.

The amount of your award will depend on how early you apply, your financial need and your college's work-study or student employment funds. For more information on Federal Work-Study, go to www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov. Most colleges also have career centers that help with general employment.

Independent Colleges

Learn about nonprofit, private colleges throughout the nation at www.naicu.edu.

California Community Colleges

To learn more about financial aid for community college students, go to www.icanaffordcollege.com and choose "Financial Aid Info."

California Community Colleges Fee Waiver

You won't pay any enrollment fees at a California Community College if you're a California resident and are eligible for a Cal Grant or other need-based financial aid, you receive CalWORKs/TANF, SSI or General Assistance (or if you're a dependent student and one of your parents receives this assistance), or your total family income is within the income standards.

For details on the Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver (known as the BOG Fee Waiver), go to www.icanaffordcollege.com and choose "Financial Aid Info" or contact your college's financial aid office.

Also explore:

- **Extended Opportunity Programs and Services** provides grants, counseling and tutorial services to low-income, educationally disadvantaged students who are accepted to the program.
- **Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education** provides counseling, transportation, textbooks and supplies, as well as grants and services for child care, for students who are single parents of children under 14 years old and/or receiving welfare benefits, and for those who are EOPS students.
- **CalWORKs campus programs** coordinate financial aid and work-study, counseling, assistance with books, supplies and transportation, job placement and child care for students receiving CalWORKs who are in good standing with the county social services office. Assistance may also be available for former CalWORKs recipients in job-skill upgrade activities.